

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1-18. (canceled)

19. (previously presented) A message router for routing a message between a server and a plurality of protocol gateways, the message router comprising:

a load balancer module to determine a historical message transmission record for transmissions from said message router to said plurality of protocol gateways, said transmission record comprising identification of a least recently used protocol gateway supporting a particular protocol of a client device associated with said message among a plurality of network protocols of message sources; and

a routing module to route said message from said message router to a particular protocol gateway based on said determined least recently used protocol gateway and said particular protocol utilized by said client device of said message.

20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said message router is a least recently used message router.

22. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said message router routes said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

23. (previously presented) The message router according to claim 19, wherein:

said message router routes said message based on a content of said message.

24. (previously presented) A method of routing a message between a server and a protocol gateway comprising:

establishing communications between a message router and a plurality of protocol gateways to encapsulate messages communicated with a plurality of message source devices utilizing respective network protocols;

determining, from said message router, a historical record for transmissions from said message router to said plurality of protocol gateways comprising a least recently used protocol gateway supporting a particular protocol of a client device associated with said message among a plurality of network protocols; and

routing said message from said message router to a particular protocol gateway based on said determined least recently used protocol gateway and said particular protocol utilized by said client device of said message.

25. (canceled)

26. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, wherein:

said server is a least recently used message router.

27. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, further comprising:

routing said message to a most specific server corresponding to a message key.

28. (previously presented) The method of routing a message according to claim 24, further comprising:

routing said message based on a content of said message.

29-41. (canceled)